Frederick Appleton, *et al* to rent a room in 5th Ward Hall for a reading room. No. 1.

NO 3 COMMITTEE.

Ald. Moule, Chairman, reported as follows:—

1—That G. R. Duncan receive the appointment of chimney sweep for the south part of the city.

2—That your Committee recommend that suitable furniture be procured for seating the medical students in the City Hospital.

3—Your Committee beg to recommend that the tender of Messrs. Hunt Bros be accepted for supplying coal at the following prices: Grate and egg per ton, $6 75; stove and chestnut, $7; Brierhill, $6; steam lump, $5 80.

Taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Vining moved in amendment to the first clause that Mr. Stevenson be appointed. Carried.

The balance of the report passed.

Ald. Moule reported that he had interviewed Mr. Barker in regard to the moving of the lamp posts on which street letter boxes were put, and recommended delay until the Department was communicated with.

Another communication was brought in at this stage from a number of residents of the Fifth Ward for the use of a room in the Town Hall for a reading room. No. 1.

NO 2 COMMITTEE.

Ald. Moore (Chairman) reported:—

1—*Re* grading of Elizabeth and other streets. That the tender of C Barfitt for No 1 section at $164, and of Reynolds & Dundas for No 2 section at $114 be accepted

2—That the petition of R W Sharp, *et al*, *re* sidewalk, be granted.

3 That the petition of Saunders and others, *re* sewer, be granted and the notice advertised.

4—That the services of A Somerville as night watchman and N Pollard as caretaker at Queen's Park be dispensed with.

5—That the Engineer notify the Michigan Central R R Co to remove switch block from street.

Taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Heaman moved, seconded by Ald. McIntosh that the second part be struck out.

The first, second and third clauses adopted.

The fourth clause, with Mr. Pollard's communication, was referred back to the Committee.

The fifth clause passed, and the report was so adopted.

THE RIVER QUESTION.

Ald. Moore read a letter from the office of the Attorney General to the effect that the Government could take no action in regard to insuring the city against proceedings in case they carried out the improvements proposed in the river. The city would have to take the risk, but if the improvements answered the purpose for which they were designed they would be safe. The opinion of the city and London West authorities appeared to be that they would answer, but the Provincial Board of Health held differently.

Referred to the Special Committee on river improvements

NO. 1 COMMITTEE.

Ald Davis, Acting Chairman, submitted the following:—

1—Your Committee having examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Printing, Advertising, &c—		
Advertiser P & P Co,	$ 115 27	
Incidental Expenses—		
Cab hire	12 00	
		$127 27

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, &c—		
Pay sheet	$ 251 93	
" "	328 50	
John Donohue	150 00	
Chas Barfitt	114 10	
Ingersoll Gas Co....	78 00	
C P R Company	18 15	
		$ 940 73
Exhibition Buildings—		
Pay sheet	$ 101 05	
" "	299 02	
Tambling & Jones ..	1,500 00	
John Pardom	1,000 00	
H C Green ..... —	600 00	
Stevens & Barns....	556 23	
" " —	244 76	
Wm Tytler	400 00	
Wm Scott & Son	500 0	
Peter Steeles, jr —	300 00	
H McConnell	300 00	
Geo Howe	200 00	
F J Reed, Co	200 00	
" "	100 00	
Harding & Leathorn,	133 60	
H Francis ..	100 00	
Smith & Reynolds..	96 95	
Hy Colerick	95 00	
Arthur Cooke ...	50 00	
Robt Mason	23 00	
Flagstone Pavement—		
T J Heard		600 00
Victoria Park—		
Coursey & Gray.. —		8 97
City Hall—		
W H Heard & Co..		8 87
City Pound—		
Wm Bush		3 50
		$ 8,361

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Fire Department—		
Pay Sheet	923 45	
F C Wheeler.......—	583 75	
J A Roe	7 70	
J P O'Byrne — —	5 50	
		$1,522 40
Street Lighting—		
Forest City Electric Light Co...... —	437 60	
		$ 1,960 00
Relief Accounts—		
Ontario Institution. for Deaf Dumb..		31 60
		$10,480 06

2—That the petition of Mrs Geoghan be granted, by allowing a rebate of half of 1886 taxes.

3—That the petition of J Davidson, *re* dog tax, be granted, and that the City Clerk be authorized to give certificate to that effect.

4—That the petitions of Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Ackroyd, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Nichol, Mrs Grevell, J M May, T Waughn, Wm Smith and B E Maitland be filed.

5—Your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of R K Cowan, S Daniels, John Ryan and Mrs Sullivan.

6—That C W Andrus and W D Buckle be allowed $120 each in settlement of their claim for extra services as assessors.

7 Your Committee beg to submit by-law to confirm the appointment of Stephen Grant as Assessment Commissioner.

8—That the estimate of the Police Commissioners be allowed.

9—That the sum of $3,300 be struck off the Fire Department estimates for new buildings.

10—Your Committee beg to submit the estimates for 1887, and recommend that a By-law be passed authorizing the collection of the same.

Taken up clause by clause, Ald. Vining in the chair.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 passed.

Ald. Vining moved that the fourth clause be amended by granting Mrs. Gardiner remission. Lost.

Clauses 4 and 5 passed.

Clause 6 read and referred back to the Committee.

Seventh clause adopted.

Eighth clause read.

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the item of $900 for patrol wagon be struck out of the estimates.

Carried.

Clause 9 Ald. Davis said, included an increase of $300 over last year with the reduction.

The clause read and adopted.

Clause 10 read.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Greer that the rate be reduced to 20 mills.

Lost

Yeas—Aldermen Taylor, Greer, Moule, Hook, Skinner.

Nays—Mayor Cowan, Aldermen Jarvis, Davis, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman.

The report as amended was adopted.

EXEMPTIONS.

Ald. Vining presented the special report of the Committee on Exemptions, recommending that the agreement entered into between the town of London East and the Bennet Manufacturing Company be granted to Mr. Thompson, purchaser of said property, for the balance of term, as it is carrying out the spirit of said agreement. Adopted.

BY LAWS.

The by-law appointing Stephen Grant Assessment Commissioner was passed.

Ald. Davis submitted a by-law requiring building permits to be obtained from the City Engineer when alterations or new buildings are to be erected. It was read once. Second reading deferred till next meeting.

Ald Davis also stated that at next meeting he would introduce a motion to make certain alterations in the City Hall.

The new by law to change the name of three streets to Prospect avenue was read and referred to No. 1 Committee.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Greer, that Messrs. S Grant and C. A. Kingston be appointed to look into all the exemptions from taxes in the city, to examine the books of the different parties and report to the Council as to whether they are living up to their agreement with the city or not. Carried.

The Council adjourned for two weeks.